

# The Stroller...

—By W.W. EDGAR

## U-M stirs Rose Bowl memories

Ever since the referees' whistle blew down in Columbus to put the final official stamp on Michigan's victory over Ohio State, and assured the fans from Ann Arbor of a trip to the Rose Bowl on New Year's Day, the air has been filled with stories concerning the Wolverines.

The varsity boys are springing reliable pictures that go all the way back to 1902 when Fielding H. Yost took a team of 15 players out to the coast and beat Stanford in the first of the Rose Bowl games.

It was the first time the fans on the coast ever had seen the legendary point-a-rounder team in action. They were mystified with the power of such stalwarts as Willie Heston and German Schuler, whose names will live forever in the sports annals of the Maize and Blue.

And the very mention of that game—and the Stroller adds that there is a man living today who saw the uneven game—recalls another famous year.

It happened in the administration of Fritz Weaver as the head coach of the Wolverines in the 1940s. He took his famous team of "mascots" out to the coast and met Stanford in the most prestigious of all bowls.

When the final gun sounded, Michigan had duplicated the feat of Yost's great team and beat Stanford, 49-0.

As the story goes, when the Michigan coach and his team walked off the field, one of the spectators who had climbed a bit too freely, walked up to Weaver and in his drunken tones said: "You haven't improved a bit."

One of the cheer leaders is Wally Weber, the fullback on the 1942 team that Yost always referred to as the "best team I ever coached."

Wally was in the Plymouth area several weeks ago and got to spinning some of his famous yarns. He related how Bencie Osterbaum, the kicker out from Michigan, got into the lineup in 1925 and went on to become a three time All American.

He was sent in the game, "Weber explained, "in a crucial situation for the

end but as a messenger. Mr. Yost (even his oldest stars still refer to the legendary coach as Mr. Yost) noticed that Tom Edwards, one of our tackles, was a bit out of position. He sent Bencie in to tell him what to do. It was a logical move. But Tom Edwards became so mad he played better than he ever did before and was named on many America teams at the close of the season.

It was a great break for Bencie, too, as he went on to stardom.

Not only did Bencie make the All America team but he did it three years in a row. More than that, he has been named to the All Time All America team.

Wally was popularly known as "The Wizard of Words," was regaling his listeners with tales of the Wolverines. Ralph Lorenz, the linebacker at the Mayflower, cut in to ask: "Do you remember the time the team stopped here and you ordered 100 poached eggs for the team's breakfast?"

Weber remembered as Ralph recalled the order that had the chef stumped. "The team was staying here for the night before the game and Wally, one of the coaches, placed the order for 100 poached eggs."

If you ever have attempted to poach eggs you know what a job it is," Ralph said. "I was stumped for a minute. So I was the chef. Then I got an idea. I got out the pun in which we made small muffins. There were about a dozen spaces in each tin, just big enough to hold an egg. So I ordered the chef to pour hot water in each one of them."

Then we dropped the eggs into the spaces on the tin and before you know it we had the 100 poached eggs."

Both Weber and Lorenz chuckled at the recollection of the incident and Lorenz remarked: "The next work when the team was on the road, I got a call from the hotel asking how well I ever served 100 poached eggs at one breakfast sitting. Now I understand the chef did it—but the story originated right here in the Mayflower."

His yarns like these that will be filling the air until the big game on New Year's Day.

## U-M ranks 5th in Ph.D.s

The University of Michigan ranks fifth among all undergraduate institutions in the United States as a producer of doctoral candidates, according to a study reported in "Science" magazine.

Researchers compiled the number of men and women from the country's approximately 1,900 baccalaureate institutions who graduated from 1973-74 and who subsequently obtained doctorates between 1973-74.

A total of 773 women graduated from UM who earned Ph.D.s during the five-year period. Hunter College topped the list with 1,113, followed by University of California, Berkeley, Barnard College and University of Wisconsin.

During the same period, 470 men received doctorates, ranking sixth after University of California, Berkeley, 651; University of Wisconsin, City College of New York, University of Illinois and Harvard University.

Within doctoral fields, UM ranked sixth in the number of women's graduates who obtained Ph.D.s in physical sciences, social sciences and engineering, seventh in life sciences, ninth in education, and 11th in arts and humanities.

In numbers of men who later earned doctorates, UM ranked 12th in the physical sciences and engineering, seventh in arts and humanities, eighth in social sciences, 12th

in life sciences, and 18th in education. The study was undertaken to show which institutions are most supportive of predoctoral preparation for women, according to researchers M. Elizabeth Tibbitts of George Washington University and Vera Katschewsky of Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

A comparison undergraduate attendance of women Ph.D.s shows that women's colleges produce the highest proportion of candidates.

Men who subsequently earned doctorates were more likely to have graduated from institutions that had a high proportion of men students and which exhibited a strong focus on relatively narrow range of academic interest.

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